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Major General George J. Keegan, Jr.
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Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

I have your letter of 26 November 1974 on the matter of Contracting for Intelligence Support.

For some time I have been concerned about the whole matter of contractor support, with special emphasis on expenditures and quality of product.

Your suggestion of a master list or registry of external intelligence contracts may well be the first step we should take. I am asking Bill Hyland to look into the possibility of handling this task for the Community. This seems a logical step since INR already has a mechanism (the USC/FAR Consolidated Plan for Foreign Affairs Research) to track unclassified external research.

Once I hear from Bill we can consider the matter further at USIB.

Sincerely,

SIGNED
W. E. Colby

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Mr. William G. Hyland
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

I attach a copy of a letter of 26 November 1974 from George Keegan on Contracting for Intelligence Support. I am responding to him that I wish to elicit your views on the subject.

I share his concern about contractor support, especially with regard to the expenditures involved and the sometimes dubious quality of product achieved. I am attracted to his suggestion of a master list or registry of external intelligence contracts. Perhaps we should consider that as a first step.

I am aware that INR's USC/FAR Consolidated Plan for Foreign Affairs Research already serves as a mechanism for tracking unclassified external research. Is there a possibility this mechanism could be expanded to cover the task for the Community? At a minimum, it seems to me, any Community effort should be closely coordinated with the INR Consolidated Plan.

When I hear from you then I think we can consider the matter further at USIB.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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